

EDO-NQ Alert!

29th January

New referrals:

1. River Grove Residential Development – Townsville – comments due Tuesday, 10th February

Decisions on referral:

1. Upgrade of 4.2 km section of the Bruce Highway – approval not required
2. Kuranda Range Road Safety Works – approval not required
3. 13 lot residential subdivision, Luggar Bay, Mission Beach – approval required

New Notices:

1. Coral Sea Fishery – environmental assessment – submissions due Wednesday, 25th February

Previous Notices:

1. Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery – submissions due 30th January
2. Commonwealth National Heritage List – nominations due by 3rd February
3. Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies (*Hypolimnas bolina*) – comments due 6th March
4. Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets – submissions due 13th March

Environmental Impact Statements still open for comment:

Wandoan Coal Project – comments due 2nd February

This is a new section included in our regular alerts, notices are drawn from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website. See below for an explanation.

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1. Invitation for public comment on referral

2009/4717	Townsville Heights Estate Pty Ltd/Residential development/Jensen, Thuringowa, approx 19km north-west of Townsville/QLD/River Grove Residential Development	Invitation for Public Comment on Referral	Deadline: 10 Feb 2009
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The proposed "River Grove" residential development covers an area of 119ha and is located in Jensen, 19km north-west of Townsville. The Great Barrier Reef Region is located 7km north-east of the site. Threatened ecological communities within the area include littoral rainforest and coastal vine thickets and thickets of the Brigalow Belt. Some vulnerable and endangered plants, birds, reptiles and mammals are in the vicinity along with migratory birds. The referral is concluding that the proposed development does not have significant impacts.

For further information on how to comment refer to the Invitations for public comment section of the [help document](#) provided by the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

2. Decisions and Notices on Referrals

2008/4665	Queensland Department of Main Roads/Transport - land/17 km north of Ingham, 35 km south of Cardwell/QLD/Upgrade of a 4.2km section of the Bruce Highway	Decision whether action needs approval/ Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 26 Jan 2009
2008/4642	Queensland Government Department of Main Roads/Transport - land/Smithfield to Kuranda/QLD/Kuranda Range Road Safety Works	Decision whether action needs approval/ Approval Not Required	Date of notice: 26 Jan 2009
2008/4678	Wahroonga Holdings Pty Ltd/Residential development/Lot 2 SP158022 Explorer Drive, Luggar Bay, Mission Beach/QLD/13 Lot residential subdivision	Decision on Assessment Approach: Approval Required Preliminary Documentation	Date of notice: 26 Jan 2009

The project is likely to have a significant impact on World Heritage properties, National Heritage places and listed threatened species and communities. The project will be assessed by preliminary documentation.

As this has impacts on listed threatened species and communities and listed migratory species conditions apply.

3. New Notices

[Coral Sea Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the Coral Sea Fishery is valid until 19 March 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. – Comments are invited on the submission for environmental assessment - **due Wednesday, 25th February**.

4. Previous Notices

[Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery](#)

The current export approval for the East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery is valid until 28 February 2009 and the fishery is now due for assessment for ongoing export accreditation. Closing date for comments **Friday 30th January 2009**.

National Heritage List

Nominations for places for inclusion in the National Heritage List of Commonwealth Heritage List are invited from the Public – **closes 3rd February 2009**. [For further details](#)

[Draft environment assessment report for the importation of common eggfly butterflies \(*Hypolimnas bolina*\) for laboratory research.](#)

Comments are invited on The University of Queensland's draft report to amend the live import list to include the Common Eggfly Butterfly – **comments by 6th March**.

Consultation Draft of the Policy for Biodiversity Offsets

The Environmental Protection Agency has released the draft Policy for Biodiversity Offsets for consultation and invites written submissions from individuals and organisations by the **final date of 13th March 2009**. The draft Policy on Biodiversity Offsets is available for downloading from the [EPA website](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au) or request a copy by emailing offsets@epa.qld.gov.au or phoning (07) 3227 7783.

A proposed action that has been referred under the EPBC Act may be declared by Queensland's Coordinator-General to be a "state significant project" under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld) and an Environmental Impact Statement may be required by the Queensland Government under that Act. The Commonwealth and Queensland Governments have entered into a Bilateral Agreement which allows Queensland to carry out the Commonwealth's environmental assessments in certain circumstances.

The community are entitled to make submissions in relation to the environmental assessments, whether at Commonwealth or Queensland level.

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1. Environmental Impact Statements for Significant Projects

Wadoan Coal Project

Located in central Queensland the project would comprise a number of open-cut coal mines. The coal will be crushed, processed and blended on site before being transported by rail to a possible new coal terminal at Port Alma or the Port of Gladstone. The Coordinator-General has now approved the EIS for the project and it is available for public review, further details and how to access the EIS are on the website. Comments due **Monday, 2nd February 2009**.

Regards,

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